WHEREAS, the spring and summer major disasters have caused widespread severe damage as a result of winds and floodwaters and the summer floods have been particularly devastating due to repetitive severe weather for a 52 county disaster area; and

WHEREAS, this catastrophic situation has resulted in the President of the United States declaring two major disasters for Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, continuing disaster recovery operations have been extremely difficult and time consuming for both State, local governments, businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, these problems have been recognized by the President and the Congress of the United States resulting in the enactment of the comprehensive emergency supplemental appropriations Act Public Law 103-75 which provided additional funding for 36 Federal disaster relief programs to support the recovery efforts of the damaged Midwest States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has a responsibility to insure coordinated and efficient disaster relief and recovery operations in order to assist victims in alleviating the effects of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under the provisions of RRS § 81-829.40 do hereby direct the creation of an oversight organization to insure effective coordination of our disaster recovery efforts. This organization shall be designated as the Governor's Task Force for Disaster Recovery. The Task Force will make a detailed examination of all features of our recovery effort with emphasis on the efficient utilization of the resources made available by the Federal supplementary appropriations. The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and the State Civil Defense Agency shall jointly act as co-chairpersons and the Task Force will meet at their direction.

I further direct or request State and appropriate federal agencies to cooperate with and support the co-chairpersons, upon their request, as may be appropriate and lawful.

The membership of the Task Force will include, but not be limited to the following State agencies: Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska Civil Defense Agency, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Economic Development, Department of Public Institutions, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, Department on Aging, Department of Administrative Services, and Historical Society.
The following Federal agencies are also requested to participate and support the activities of the Task Force: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District and Kansas City District, U.S. Department of Agriculture State Emergency Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Environmental Protection Agency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

Attest:

Allen J. Beermann
Secretary of State